

Agriculture Economic Development

Inventory of Tools

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the Agriculture Economic Development Toolbox. While this will be a "work in progress", ISDA is committed to presenting you with the best information and potential sources for agriculture and economic development. We, at ISDA, believe that agriculture and natural resources can play a pivotal role in opening up traditional opportunities for economic growth and sustainability. Thank you for your interest in the food, farm and forestry industry. Contact ISDA with comments, questions and, most certainly, with suggestions on how we can improve our service.

We have organized the Inventory of Tools by different categories:

Information, Training and Data - contains sources offering technical assistance as well as educational opportunities.

Local Resource - contains links to websites with potential funding for grassroots projects.

National Resource - contains federal and government sites that present grants, loans, trainings, and technical assistance.

State Resources - contains agriculture and economic development sites limited to Indiana.

Universities and Educational Institutions - contains information from major universities related to and produced by higher institutions of learning.

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<http://www.in.gov/isda>

Information, Training and Data

Active Farming .com

<http://www.activefarming.com/>

A collection of services, tools, resources, and collaborative efforts, each put together by and for those that take an interest in small farms.

Access Indiana Information Network

<http://www.IN.gov>

This is the website for the State of Indiana government. The site is the official web portal that provides businesses and citizens with 24/7 access to State government services and information.

Agricultural Advocacy Tools & Training

<http://www.michelepaynknoper.com/AGadvocacy.html>

Tools, tips, and training on more effectively speaking out for the agrifood business and connecting gate to plate.

Agriculture News Sources

[AgriNews](#)

[Brownfield Network](#)

[Farm and Dairy](#)

[Farm World](#)

[Farmers' Exchange](#)

[Indiana Ag Connection](#)

[Purdue University Ag Communication News Service](#)

Agricultural Research Service

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/main.htm>

Offers information on agriculture research around the nation.

Agritourism - Southern Indiana Regional Marketing Coop

<http://www.southernindiana.org/agritourism.php>

American Farm Bureau Foundation

<http://www.agfoundation.org/projects/>

Projects include educating about agricultural education, consumer education, agricultural research, scholarships and farm safety programs.

<http://www.ageducate.org/activities/>

Educational activities in progress across the country.

American Farm Bureau Voice of Agriculture Connection

<http://www.fb.org/links/>

Links to all things agriculture related: associations, legislation, environment, equipment, weather, youth activities, and much more.

animalagriculture.org

<http://www.animalagriculture.org/aboutNIAA/Members/memberdirectory.asp>

Extensive list of national associations and commercial organizations.

Information, Training and Data

Association of Indiana Counties

<http://www.indianacounties.org/>

The Association of Indiana Counties seeks the betterment of county government through: representation of counties at the Indiana General Assembly; research and dissemination of information; communications through publications and seminars; professional training and educational programs; liaison between counties, state and federal agencies; and technical and managerial assistance. The website includes current legislative updates, and training and education for county government officials.

Biofuel Information and Examples – Renew Wisconsin

<http://www.renewwisconsin.org>

A network of clean energy businesses, educators, utility managers, builders, farmers, state agency officials, environmental advocates, and concerned citizens.

Biotechnology Information Organization

<http://www.bio.org/foodag/links.asp>

Links to all things biotech.

Business.gov

<http://www.business.gov/>

Business.gov guides through government rules and regulations and provides access to services and resources to help people start, grow, and succeed in business. This website provides resourceful information categorized by state or industry.

Community Foundation Locator

<http://www.indianagrantmakers.org/locator/>

Cooperative Extension Services Locator

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/anr/field/fs/countyoffices2.html>

Community of Science

<http://www.cos.com/>

Offers several databases for approximately 23,000 private and federal funding sources. Grants in the non-science area are included.

Department of Labor: Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/funding.htm>

Funds for faith-based and community initiatives are a strong push in the Bush administration. At this site, you can find specific funding opportunities linked to labor and workforce initiatives.

Directory of Land Use Terms

<http://www.in.gov/irdc/tasks/landuseterms.html>

Economic Development Local Office (LEDO) Locator

<http://www.ecodevdirectory.com/indiana.htm>

Information, Training and Data

Economic Research Service

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/>

The Economic Research Service is the main source of economic information and research from the US Department of Agriculture. ERS research informs and enhances public and private decision-making on economic and policy issues related to agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural development. This link provides the resources offered by ERS' program that encompasses research, analyses of food and commodity markets, policy studies, and development of economic and statistical indicators.

Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community

<http://www.ezec.gov/>

Provides information for communities about opportunities for growth and revitalization.

Environmental Grantmakers Association

<http://www.ega.org/funders/funder.php?op=list>

Are you looking for funds to support environmental initiatives? Visit the Environmental Grantmakers Association online.

Farmer's Market: A Workshop for Market Masters and Vendors

<http://www.icdc.coop/events/index.html>

One-day workshops will offer an overview of marketing ideas, state regulations for food handling, insurance, and breakout sessions for both market masters as well as vendors.

Grants.gov

<http://www.grants.gov/>

There are more than \$350 billion dollars in state and federal funds released annually. Visit grants.gov and sign up to receive daily emails announcing federal grant funds released.

Grantsmanship Center

<http://www.tgci.com/grants/Indiana/index.asp>

The Grantsmanship Center is just a great web site for a lot of information. Grant training, resources, and an online link to funders by type of funder and state.

Grantsnet

http://www.grantsnet.org/search/srch_specify.cfm

Do you want to support learning in the sciences? Check out grantsnet for possible funding.

Hoosier Energy

<http://www.hepn.com/>

Hoosier Energy is a generation and transmission cooperative providing wholesale electric power and services to 17 member electric distribution cooperatives in 48 central and southern Indiana counties. The website provides a database of available sites in select cities and a calculator for energy rates.

Indiana Agricultural Organizations

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/anr/organizations.html>

Links to a variety of agriculture organizations in Indiana.

Information, Training and Data

Indiana Association of Cities and Towns

<http://www.citiesandtowns.org/>

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) was established provide Indiana municipal officials a means to meet, educate and advocate their interests before the State and federal governments. The site provides education and business resources.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce & Small Business Assistance

<http://www.indianachamber.com>

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce works proactively on behalf of its members and constituents by advancing legislation and public policy, and serving as a convenient source for reliable business information. This link provides information on legislative action updates, studies and reports completed by the Chamber, and the business research center.

Indiana Department of Transportation

<http://www.IN.gov/dot>

INDOT is responsible for planning, building, maintaining, and operating the State's transportation system. This site is a tool to provide information on INDOT's programs, construction projects and project studies, and how to do business with INDOT.

Indiana Farm Bureau

<http://www.infarmbureau.org/>

Indiana Farmers Markets

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/states/indiana.htm#G>

Alphabetical listing by city of farmers markets around the state.

Indiana Land Use Consortium

<http://www.Indianalanduse.org>

Composed of representatives from various business, development, government, and education interests in Indiana. The group's mission states that it is a consortium of interested groups serving as a catalyst for education and discussion of land use.

Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Co-ops

<http://www.indremcs.org/>

The Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. provides leadership, values, and a unified voice for the electric cooperatives of Indiana.

National Rural Development Partnership

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp/>

A collaborative effort of federal, state, tribal and local governments, and the profit and non-profit sectors. The Indiana Rural Development Council is a member of the NRDP.

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html#busp>

Funding Notices: Funds Available for 2006

New Ventures

<http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/newventures/>

Information for entrepreneurs deciding whether or not to start an agriculture- or food-related business or expand it and opportunities for educational programs and one-on-one consultation.

Information, Training and Data

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development

<http://www.ag.iastate.edu/centers/rdev/ruraldev.html>

Located at Iowa State University is one of four regional centers coordinating rural development, research and education throughout the United States.

Rural Information Center and the Rural Information Center Health Service

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/> or <http://nal.usda.gov/ric/richs/>

Both found at the National Agricultural Library. These resources provide information and referral services to organizations and professionals, and a rural calendar of events.

State Budget Agency

<http://www.IN.gov/sba>

The State Budget Agency serves as a fiscal analyst, administrative budget officer, fiscal forecaster, and fiscal policy adviser to the Governor. This site provides budget information for the State.

STATS Indiana

<http://www.stats.indiana.edu>

Provides statistical information about the State of Indiana, its population, economy, workforce, and other useful information.

Treasurer of the State of Indiana

<http://www.IN.gov/tos/>

This site provides information on programs offered by the Treasurer of the State of Indiana.

U.S. Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>

Provides leadership in ensuring the health and care of animals and plants. The agency improves agricultural productivity and competitiveness and contributes to the national economy and the public health.

U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Home/index.asp>

Public health agency in the U.S. Department of Agriculture responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged.

Local Resources

Agriculture Links

[Ag-Central](#)
[Agricultural Issues Center](#)
[Agricultural Policy Analysis Center](#)
[Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center](#)
[Agriculture Law](#)
[Center for Agricultural and Rural Development \(CARD\)](#)
[Center for New Crops and Plant Production](#)
[Farm Foundation](#)
[Indiana Agriculture Statistics Web site](#)
[Indiana Beef Evaluation Program](#)
[Indiana Crop and Weather Report](#)
[Indiana Delayed Planting Updates from Purdue CES](#)
[Indiana Farm Services Agency](#)
[Indiana Tobacco Community Partnership](#)
[New Crop Opportunities Center](#)
[Office of Indiana State Chemist](#)
[Purdue University Consumer Horticulture](#)
[USDA Crop Production and Pest Control](#)

Agriculture Statistics and Research

[Agriculture Statistics from U.S. Census Bureau](#)
[Economic Research Service \(ERS\)](#)
[FAOSTAT Database Collections](#)
[Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute](#)
[Indiana Agriculture Census by County](#)
[Indiana Agriculture Satellite Imagery](#)
[National Agricultural Statistics Service \(NASS\)](#)
[USDA Census of Agriculture](#)
[USDA Economics and Statistics System](#)

Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

<http://www.inh2o.org/>

The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, a non-profit organization of nearly 460 small/rural water & wastewater systems, is Indiana's only representative to the National Rural Water Association. This site offers information on the National Rural Water Association loan program and training/education information on wastewater solutions.

Citizen Planner

<http://www.indianaplanning.org/citizen.htm>

Comprehensive training materials for citizen planners.

German American Bancorp

<http://www.germanamericanbancorp.com>

This site offers information on financial services such as agriculture lending, which are offered by German American Bancorp.

Local Resources

Indiana Association of Community Economic Development (IACED)

<http://www.iaced.org/>

IACED was founded to serve community development organizations working on behalf of disadvantaged and low-income populations in Indiana. Member organizations rebuild distressed communities in rural, small city, and urban areas in Indiana through housing rehabilitation and construction; employment-generating activities; real estate development; industrial and small business development; and social services. This site offers information on membership opportunities and links to organizations to assist the redevelopment of disadvantaged rural and urban Indiana areas.

Indiana Community Action Association

<http://www.incap.org/>

The Indiana Community Action Association (INCAA) serves as an advocate and facilitator of policy, planning and programs to create solutions to prevent poverty. This link includes information for assistance, education, and community programs.

Indiana Cooperative Development Center

<http://www.icdc.coop/>

<http://www.icdc.coop/organizing/index.html>

Indiana Cooperative Development Center provides technical assistance, educational outreach, and capacity building statewide to support rural collaborative enterprises. The link offers educational resources and network information for new or existing cooperatives.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development

<http://www.dwd.state.in.us>

Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) manages and implements innovative employment programs for Hoosiers. This link offers information for employers seeking funding programs and hiring programs, as well as job search information for job seekers.

Indiana Planning Association

<http://www.indianapanning.org/>

The Indiana Planning Association seeks to provide resources to planners and others interested in the development of Indiana communities.

Rural Assistance Center

<http://www.raonline.org/funding/funding.php>

The Rural Assistance Center has an online searchable database where you can browse by sponsor, topic, or state to find potential funders and funding information.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

<http://www.score-indianapolis.org>

SCORE is a non-profit organization that provides free confidential business counseling and low cost seminars in all areas of business planning, start up, and operation. This site provides information to local chapter locations, seminar and workshops, and small loan workshops.

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

<http://www.sare.org/>

Information on grants available for sustainable agriculture projects.

Trails and Greenways Clearinghouse

<http://www.trailsandgreenways.org/resources/highlights/funddb/default.asp>

Are you looking for funds to support trails and greenways? The Clearinghouse can help you to find some targeted funding for this niche area.

National Resources

Agriculture Commodity Groups

<http://www.agry.purdue.edu/links/national/commodity-org.html>

Links to national commodity groups.

Agricultural Marketing Resource Center

<http://www.agmrc.org/agmrc/default.html>

For producers interested in value-added agriculture. AgMRC offers producers the ability to: investigate opportunities for commodities and products, gather information on market and industry trends, learn how to create and operate a business, study research results of markets and businesses, and locate national, state and local value-added resources.

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/ProgView.cfm?prnum=4323>

CSREES' role is to supply science-based information and to help entrepreneurs understand these changes and take full advantage of emerging opportunities. Working with its many partners, CSREES promotes high-quality research to stimulate innovation in the private sector. It also helps build the skills and capacity of outreach professionals whose job it is to help entrepreneurs initiate and expand their businesses.

[Rural Tourism](#)

[Women in Agriculture](#)

[Stimulating Economies](#)

Economic Development Administration

<http://www.doc.gov/eda>

The Economic Development Administration aims to generate jobs, help retain existing jobs, and stimulate industrial and commercial growth in economically distressed areas of the United States. EDA assistance is available to rural and urban areas of the Nation experiencing high unemployment, low income, or other severe economic distress. This site provides information on programs and resources offered by the EDA.

National FFA Organization

<http://www.ffa.org>

The National FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_job.CareerSearch

Search for a profession through this database of jobs in the ever-expanding world of agriculture.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Provides technical assistance based on sound science and suited to a customer's specific needs. Provides financial assistance for many conservation activities. Participation is voluntary.

Farm Services Agency

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafi/default.htm> or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/IN/>

FSA seeks to stabilize farm income, help farmers conserve land and water resources, provides credit to new or disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and help farm operations recover from the effects of disaster. The links include information on programs and services offered by the Farm Services Agency.

National Resources

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/AFSIC_pubs/edtr.htm and <http://www.sare.org/grants/>

Funding opportunities as well as educational and training opportunities. SARE is a competitive grants program providing grants to researchers, agricultural educators, farmers and ranchers, and students in the United States.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Program

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

NRCS's natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty.

Conservation Technical Assistance Program and Activities

[Conservation of Private Grazing Lands](#)

[Conservation Partnership Initiative](#)

[Conservation Reserve Program](#) (USDA Farm Service Agency)

[Conservation Technical Assistance](#)

[Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative](#)

[Locally Led Conservation](#)

[State Technical Committees](#)

Environmental Improvement Programs

[Agricultural Management Assistance](#)

[Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#)

- [Conservation Innovation Grants](#)

- Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program

[Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program](#)

Stewardship Programs

[Conservation Security Program](#)

Water Resources Programs

[Emergency Watershed Protection Program \(Recovery\)](#)

[Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program](#)

- [Watershed Surveys and Planning](#)

- [Watershed Operations](#)

- [Watershed Rehabilitation](#)

Easement Programs

[Emergency Watershed Protection Program \(Floodplain Easements\)](#)

[Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program](#)

[Grassland Reserve Program](#)

[Healthy Forests Reserve Program](#)

[Wetlands Reserve Program](#)

Community Assistance Programs and Activities

[Farmland Protection Policy Act](#)

[Resource Conservation and Development Program](#)

[Small, Limited, and Beginning Farmer Assistance](#)

[Tribal Government Assistance](#)

National Resources

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Program—Continued ***Technical Processes, Tools, and Other Technical Resources***

[Area-wide and Watershed Planning](#)
[Community Planning](#)
[Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning](#)
[Conservation Planning](#)
[Customer Service Toolkit](#)
[Land Evaluation and Site Assessment](#)
[Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher Self-Determination Tool for FY 2005](#)
[National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) Documents](#)
[Rapid Basin Assessment](#)

USDA-Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/> or <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/in/>

Rural Development works toward helping improve the economy and quality of life in all of rural America. This site offers a description of funding programs available, forms for programs, and a link to community development.

[Business and Cooperative Programs](#)
[Community Connect Grant Program](#)
[Farm Service - Farm Loan Programs](#)
[Household Water Well System Grant Program](#)
[Revolving Fund Program grants](#) for water and wastewater systems
[Rural Business Enterprise Grants](#) to provide technical assistance for rural transportation
[Rural Business Investment Program](#)
[Rural Business Opportunity Grants](#)
[Rural Cooperative Development Grants](#)
[Technical Assistance and Training Grant](#)
[Value-Added Ag-Product Market Development grants](#)

US Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/>

Information from the Environmental Protection Agency on maintaining a safe water supply.

US Fish and Wildlife - Division of Bird Habitat Conservation

<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/index.shtm>

Provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife.

U.S. Small Business Administration

<http://www.sba.gov> or <http://www.sba.gov/in/>

The SBA's main objective is to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small businesses.

http://www.sba.gov/starting_business/startup/guide.html

This guide is intended to serve as a roadmap for starting a business. It is both comprehensive and easy to use. It also includes numerous electronic links for additional information. Use this powerful interactive tool, with many supporting resources to help you start a successful business.

Wood Education and Resource Center

<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/ea/werc/werc.shtm>

The Wood Education and Resource Center supports managerial and technical innovation to keep businesses competitive. It provides state-of-the-art training, technology transfer, networking opportunities, applied research, and information.

State Resources

CFED: Expanding Economic Opportunity (formerly Corporation for Enterprise Development)

<http://www.cfed.org>

CFED is a nonprofit organization that works with communities to help them envision, define, and build their own economic strategies. Driven to create a more robust, fair and sustainable economy for all of us, CFED is fueled by the belief that there is a tremendous amount of untapped potential in low-income people and distressed communities. We identify promising ideas, test and refine them to figure out what works, craft policies and products to help good ideas reach scale, and foster new markets to achieve maximum impact. See the “focus” section.

Environmental Infrastructure Working Group (EIWG)

<http://www.in.gov/irdc/tasks/EIWGmatrix-06.pdf>

EIWG is a collaboration of state and federal agencies. By coordinating various agencies and using a single application, communities can discuss all funding options for their water and wastewater projects at one meeting. This optimizes the efforts of communities and agencies.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis

<http://www.fhlbi.com>

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis is a wholesale bank that provides funding for home mortgages issued by member institutions in Indiana and Michigan. This link provides information about the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, member banks, and the affordable housing program.

Indiana Agricultural Associations and Organizations

[Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage](#)

[Indiana 4-H](#)

[Indiana Agribusiness Council](#)

[Indiana Agriculture Resource Council](#)

[Indiana Agricultural Statistics](#)

[Indiana Angus Association](#)

[Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts](#)

[Indiana Beef Cattle Association](#)

[Indiana Corn Growers Association](#)

[Indiana FFA Association](#)

[Indiana Manufacturers Association](#)

[Indiana Nutgrowers Association](#)

[Indiana Pork Producers](#)

[Indiana Quarter Horse Association](#)

[Indiana Saddle Horse Association](#)

[Indiana Seed Trade Association](#)

[Indiana Soybean Board](#)

[Indiana Soybean Growers Association](#)

[Indiana Standard Bred Association](#)

[Indiana State Dairy Association](#)

[Indiana State Beekeepers Association](#)

[Indiana State Board of Animal Health \(BOAH\)](#)

[Indiana State Department of Commerce](#)

[Indiana State Department of Health](#)

[Indiana State Egg Board](#)

[Indiana State Fair](#)

[Indiana State Poultry Association](#)

[Indiana Young Farmers' Association](#)

[Southern Indiana Rural Development Project \(SIRDP\)](#)

State Resources

Indiana Agricultural Leadership Institute

<http://www.iali.org>

Building the leadership Indiana agriculture - today and tomorrow.

Indiana Farm Bureau

<http://www.infarmbureau.org/>

Provides a voice for Indiana agriculture through members working at the state and county levels. Valuable resources, training, and opportunities on the following:

- Ag advocacy
- Cooperative Development
- EPA Air Consent Agreement
- Farming the Classroom
- Fun with Farming
- Government Relations
- Common Myths & Facts about Livestock
- Moving to the Country
- Young Farmer Programs

Indiana Cooperative Development Center

<http://www.icdc.coop/>

Created to provide technical assistance, educational outreach, and capacity building statewide to support rural collaborative enterprises.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

<http://www.IN.gov/idem>

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management provides assistance on financial, program, and technical matters that pertain to air, land, pollution, and water. This link provides information about funding opportunities, program opportunities, and regional offices that can be of assistance.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/assistance/grantresources.html>

Grants and assistance on a variety of topics for residents of Indiana.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development

<http://www.dwd.state.in.us>

Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) manages and implements innovative employment programs for Hoosiers, manages unemployment insurance systems, and facilitates regional economic growth initiatives for Indiana. The link offers information for employers seeking funding programs and hiring programs, as well as job search information for job seekers.

Indiana Economic Development Association

<http://www.ieda.org>

IEDA focuses its efforts on making economic development efforts in the State more effective, and the organization cooperates with all State and local organizations engaged in promoting the economic welfare of Indiana. This site links information to local economic development organizations and local economic development resources.

State Resources

Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)

<http://www.in.gov/iedc/>

The IEDC is the State of Indiana's lead economic development agency. This link includes financial incentive opportunities for companies that are relocating or expanding in Indiana.

Certified Technology Park Program: The Certified Technology Parks program was created as a tool to support the attraction and growth of high-technology business in Indiana. Designation as a Certified Tech Park allows for the local recapture of certain state and local tax revenue, which can be invested in the development of the park.

Clean Energy: The IEDC's Clean Energy Tax Credit Programs support Indiana's advanced agricultural independence and provide an incentive for the development of renewable energy. Biodiesel, blended biodiesel, ethanol producers, blended biodiesel distributors, may be eligible for a tax credit calculated as a percentage of their fuel production or distribution.

Economic Development for a Growing Economy: The Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) program was created to reward companies creating new jobs and contributing to the growth of Hoosier income. EDGE credits are calculated as a percentage of payroll tax withholding for net new Indiana jobs. EDGE credits may be awarded for a term of up to ten years.

Hoosier Business Investment Tax Credit: The Hoosier Business Investment Tax Credit (HBITC) program was established to encourage capital investment in Indiana by providing a credit against a company's Indiana tax liability. The credit amount is based on a company's qualified capital investment with the final credit amount determined by the IEDC based on an analysis of the economic benefits of the proposed investment.

Industrial Development Grant Fund: The IDEC provides financial support for infrastructure improvements in conjunction with projects creating jobs and generating capital investment in Indiana.

This grant provides money to local governments for off-site infrastructure projects associated with an expansion of an existing Indiana company or the location of a new facility in Indiana. State funding through the IDGF program must be matched by a combination of local government and company financial support.

Industrial Recovery Tax Credit: The Industrial Recovery tax credit provides an incentive for companies to invest in facilities requiring significant rehabilitation or remodeling expense. After a building has been designated as an industrial recovery site, companies may be eligible for a tax credit calculated as a percentage of qualified rehabilitation expense.

Skills Enhancement Fund: The SEF Fund is a tool to encourage companies to invest in their existing workforce and train new employees. SEF provides reimbursement for eligible training expenses over a two-year term. Companies may reapply for additional SEF Funds after their initial two-year term.

Venture Capital Investment Tax Credit: The Tax Credit program was established to improve access to capital to fast growing Indiana companies by providing individual and corporate investors an additional incentive to invest in early stage firms. Investors who provide qualified debt or equity capital to Indiana companies receive a credit against their Indiana tax liability.

State Resources

Indiana Finance Authority

<http://www.in.gov/ifa/>

The Indiana Finance Authority oversees State debt issuance and provides financing solutions to facilitate state, local government, and business investment in Indiana. This link includes funding opportunities for different types of investment projects in Indiana.

Agricultural Bond Program: The Indiana Finance Authority ("IFA") has established its Agricultural Development Loan Program for the purpose of providing assistance to farmers in the State of Indiana. The Program will enable qualifying farmers to borrow money for suitable agricultural projects at lower cost through the use of tax-exempt financing provided by IFA. Eligible Borrowers may finance Agricultural Property (as defined hereinafter) on a tax-exempt basis by following the procedures outlined in the Program Guide to be developed by IFA. The Program does not involve any grant or direct subsidy from IFA, the State of Indiana or the United States.

Brownfields Redevelopment Program: Grants for Phase I and II site investigation; Low-interest (2.5% - 3.0%) loans for remediation; Stakeholder education and technical assistance; Tax Credit program for Voluntary Remediation; Tax Exempt Bond Program: Private Activity Bonds, often called Industrial Revenue Bonds, are bonds issued by state or local governmental entities for the benefit of a private company. Interest on the bonds is generally exempt from federal income taxes for investors, which typically results in lower long-term interest rates to the borrower.

The IFA can issue bonds to finance qualified manufacturing facilities and equipment, pollution control facilities and other projects permitted under federal law. Manufacturing companies can save significant interest costs by using tax-exempt bonds to finance equipment purchases, land acquisition and construction.

Capital Access Program: The Capital Access Program (CAP) is a small business credit enhancement program that creates a specific cash reserve fund for the lender to use as additional security for loans enrolled in the Program. The CAP allows lenders to consider making slightly riskier loans that might not meet conventional lending requirements. Under the Program, the borrower, the lender and the IFA each contribute a percentage of the loan into the lender's reserve fund, which pools contributions from all CAP loans. The lender determines whether a loan is made, the interest rate, the terms and conditions and the amount contributed to the reserve fund (1.5% to 3.5% of the loan). The borrower pays its portion, the lender matches that amount and the IFA matches the combined total. The IFA match is increased to one and one-half times for lenders with less than \$2 million enrolled in the CAP. The CAP is very flexible and simple for lenders to use.

Loan Guaranty Program: The IFA can guarantee loans for high-growth/high-skilled companies, manufacturers, rural development projects, value-added agricultural enterprises and other types of businesses that create or retain a significant number of Hoosier jobs.

Small Bond Program: Manufacturing companies and certain not-for-profit organizations with financing needs of \$2 million or less may qualify for the IFA's Small Bond Program. The Program offers reduced time frames, reduced fees and less paperwork to qualifying companies. Smaller companies may find it easier to access the tax-exempt market with the IFA's Small Bond Program, where participating banks purchase and hold the bonds. The Small Bond Program also features an **agricultural tax-exempt** bond to assist first-time farmers in financing certain capital assets. Up to \$250,000 is available per farmer, and the IFA has made up to \$10 million in Volume Cap available per year for Agricultural Bonds.

State Resources

Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing

Reducing risk of grain producers.

<http://www.in.gov/igbwla/>

Indiana Housing Finance Authority

<http://www.indianahousing.org> or <http://www.IN.gov/ihfa>

The Housing and Community Development Authority (HCDA) administers financial vehicles and incentives to create affordable housing for rent or purchase, as well as offering programs to support homeownership, rental housing, and community development. The site provides information about financial programs available to individual homebuyers and communities.

Indiana Office of Rural Affairs

<http://www.in.gov/ora/>

The Office of Rural Affairs is an initiative of the Lieutenant Governor's Office. This Office services rural communities through technical, financial, and personal assistance. This link includes grant opportunities for rural communities. Numerous Programs Including:

- Community Development Block Grants
 - o [Planning Grant Application](#)
 - o [CFF Application](#)
 - o [Readiness to Proceed Guidelines](#)
 - o [List of Certified Grant Administrators](#)
 - o [CDBG County Codes](#)
 - o [Community Focus Fund Proposal Completion Checklist](#)
- Grants Management
- High Speed Communications
- Indiana Main Street Program
- Leadership Development Rural Health

Indiana Rural Development Council

<http://www.in.gov/irdc/>

The Indiana Rural Development Council (IRDC) is a partnership of local, state, federal, profit and not-for-profit stakeholders that serve Indiana communities. The IRDC's purpose is to coordinate efforts of citizens and governments to meet the economic and social needs of rural Indiana. The website provides task and activities of programs and contact information.

Indiana Small Business Development Centers

<http://www.isbdc.org>

Indiana Small Business Development Centers offer free and low cost information, management counseling, and educational services designed to support Indiana small business owners and potential entrepreneurs. This link provides information about consulting services, educational programs, and business information resources.

Indiana State Board of Animal Health - Food Safety

http://www.in.gov/boah/food_safety/

Provides an important link in Indiana's food chain through the Meat and Poultry Inspection and Dairy Inspection.

State Resources

ISDA Division of Soil Conservation

Facilitating the protection and enhancement of Indiana's soil and water.

<http://www.in.gov/isda/soil/>

The Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development

<http://www.energy.in.gov>

The Office of Energy and Defense Development is working to promote alternative power, energy efficiency, biofuels and education for Hoosiers on energy issues around the state.

The Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance

<http://www.in.gov/idem/oppta/awards/>

Offers grants to help start or expand source reduction, recycling, composting, household hazardous waste, and pollution prevention programs in the Indiana.

- **Recycling**
 - [Recycling Grants](#)
 - [Household Hazardous Waste Grants](#)
 - [Scrap Tire Recycling](#)
 - [Pollution Prevention Challenge Grants](#)
 - [Recycling Promotion and Assistance Fund](#)
- **Energy**
 - [Alternative Energy And Transportation Grant Programs](#)
 - [Building Energy Efficiency Programs](#)
 - [Energy Loans & Grants for Industries](#)
 - [Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy \(EERE\) Set-Aside](#)
- **Water**
 - [Water Quality Grants & State Revolving Loan](#)
 - [Confined Feeding Operations Grants](#)
- **Cleanup Sites**
 - [Indiana Brownfields Grant Program](#)
 - [Excess Liability Trust Fund](#)
 - [Abandoned Tank Community Assistance Program](#)
- **Pollution Prevention**
 - [Pollution Prevention Grants](#)
- **Misc. Grants & Loans**
 - [Indiana Development Finance Authority](#)
 - [Indiana Department of Commerce](#)

Universities and Educational Institutions

Agricultural Innovation and Commercialization Center (AICC) INVenture

<http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/planner/>

Web-based help in transforming business ideas into written business plans.

Business Retention and Expansion Program

The Purdue BR&E program is designed to help a community and/or industry sector's existing businesses survive and grow. The model brings local leaders and development groups together with University staff to help communities explore options for strengthening local business. For more information contact Scott Hutcheson at hutcheson@purdue.edu.

Center for Economic and Community Development, Ball State University

<http://www.bsu.edu/cecd/toolbox/>

Our mission is to help build self-sufficient Indiana communities by increasing the knowledge and ability of development professionals, government officials, and volunteers.

The Toolbox Guide to Development Funds is a valuable and comprehensive listing of Indiana community and economic development funding programs available and is updated annually. It is an excellent guide for development finance. Subjects covered include:

- [Table of Contents](#)
- [Art Humanities and Human Services](#)
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Center for Food and Agricultural Businesses

<http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab/programs/scrm/>

State-of-the-art managerial development programs for professionals in food and agricultural business.

Economic and Community Development Program

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/ecd>

Purdue's Economic and Community Development (ECD) program includes five different focus areas (1) Entrepreneurship and Business Services. (2) Workforce Development (3) Leadership and Civic Engagement, (4) Public Policy Education, (5) Community Planning and Visioning.

Grainsafe

<http://pasture.ecn.purdue.edu/%7Egrainlab/GrainSafe/index.htm>

On-farm quality assurance program that aids value-added grain and oilseeds producers, handlers, and processors in providing quality assured grain to end users.

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Michigan State University Libraries

<http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3libsci.htm>

Check out the Michigan State University Library online grant opportunities by population served. Here you will find a thorough description of hundreds of potential funders.

Purdue Center for Regional Development

<http://www.purdue.edu/pcrd>

This center provides applied research, technical assistance, and program management support related to multi-jurisdictional and regional approaches to development.

Purdue Crop Programs

<http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/producers/crops.html>

Crop-specific information, programs, and technical assistance.

Purdue Energy Center

<http://web.e-enterprise.purdue.edu/wps/portal/Energy>

The vision of this center is to significantly contribute to the development of the energy solutions society is currently seeking as we prepare for the eventual transition from fossil fuels to other energy sources.

Purdue Farm Management Program

<http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/producers/management.html>

Programs and information on land and water stewardship, the farm economy, as well as GIS and other technical issues.

Purdue Initiatives for Families in Business

http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/CFF/pages/completed_projects/projects_fam_bus_init.html

This program prides research and support related to family-based businesses.

Purdue Land Use Team

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/landuse>

The Purdue Land Use Team offers educational programs and technical assistance to help citizens, local officials, and other groups explore and discuss current land use issues.

Purdue Livestock Programs

<http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/producers/livestock.html>

Access Purdue Research in the animal sciences, including species-specific information.

Purdue Sustainable Agriculture Program

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/sa>

This program helps develop and support approaches to enhance profits, protect the environment and enhance rural quality of life.

Purdue Tourism Hospitality Research Center

http://fred.e-enterprise.purdue.edu/wps/portal/_s.155/7000

This center serves communities, tourism organizations, and businesses with practical and up-to-date expertise and skills. It also advances the discipline of tourism and hospitality through basic and applied research dealing with issues at both local and global levels.

Universities and Educational Institutions

Purdue White Paper on Agri-Tourism

<http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/htm/cai/INAgri-Tourism.pdf>

Strategic Business Planning for Commercial Producers

<http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/extension/sbpcp/>

Comprehensive curriculum for educators to use in teaching commercial farm managers to be highly effective business managers.

Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

<http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/TAP>

Purdue University's Technical Assistance Program helps Indiana businesses, industry, and government implement new technologies that strengthen the State and national economy, benefit Indiana citizens, and increase international competitiveness. The site provides information about the programs and services for business and intern opportunities for students.

University of Wisconsin – Madison Resources for Nonprofit Organizations

<http://grants.library.wisc.edu/organizations/nonprofits.html>

The University of Wisconsin offers grants information, tips on proposal writing, funding databases by categories and titles, and links to 990 tax returns for tax-exempt organizations.

Ways to Grow and Beyond

<http://jenningsgrowers.com/wtg/>

Opportunity for one-on-one technical assistance for farming families and new farmers in the selection, development.